

First in-person convocation, induction and seminar of the Eastern Europe section of the Academy of Dentistry International Held in Yerevan on October 13th, 2021



NINE CANDIDATES AWARDED FELLOWSHIP IN THE PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMY FOR PEOPLES' ORAL HEALTH

The Eastern Europe Section of the Academy of Dentistry International, ADI, held its Convocation and Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, at 17:00 h, in the 4th Auditorium of the Yerevan State Medical University, YSMU. The morning session of the Scientific Program on behalf of the 60th Anniversary of the Dental Faculty of YSMU was organized by ADI and the seminar part of the ADI Convocation program. Myofunctional therapy as a contributor to a healthy mouth and body and a healthy and productive life was tackled in three lectures. The socio-economic benefits of this therapy option were discussed and a final statement was made that practicing myofunctional therapy is a fundamental step toward accessible, affordable, and available oral and general healthcare and thus a promotor of Universal Health Coverage, UHC.

Prof. Dr. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, ADI Eastern Europe Section initiated the ceremony by thanking the host, Prof. Lazar Yessayan, the Dean of the YSMU Dental Faculty. After welcoming the new candidates, their relatives, and friends, he made his opening remarks about the importance of this in-person Induction Ceremony during COVID-19 times and invited the Immediate Past-president of the ADI and Chairman of the ADI Nomination & Awards Committee Dr. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger to jointly conduct the Ceremony.



Dr. Seeberger presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Prof. Lazar Yessayan on behalf of the Eastern Europe Section of the ADI and thanked him for hosting an ADI Convocation in Yerevan, Armenia, for twice already.

Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk further explained to all present that the ADI is an Honor Society of Dentists devoted to the:

- Advancement of dentistry throughout the World and to the
- Improvement of oral health of people of every nation.

According to its constitutional purposes and goals, the Academy encourages the exchange of information through CE programs, correspondences, lectures, seminars, and symposia, promotes oral disease prevention through oral health literacy programs and delivers oral health care and maintenance programs and projects worldwide engages in oral health research and confers fellowship in recognition of meritorious achievements, especially in science, art, education, and literature of dentistry. To resume it all, ADI President Dr. Jacob Park stated brilliantly, "The ADI is the honor society for science and global oral health!"; said Prof. Yavru-Sakuk.

Immediately after, Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk led the candidates to the ADI Pledge, which was accepted by the new fellows by raising their right hand and saying, "I do!"

After the official pledge of the ADI Fellows, Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk explained their privilege to use the letters F.A.D.I. after their name meaning "Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International" and added a few words about the lifetime achievements, awards, and recognition of each of the newly inducted before receiving their keys and rosettes from Dr. Gerhard Seeberger and their ADI Certificates from Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk.

The newly inducted are:

- Dr. Suntaev Karlygash USENOVA - Kazakhstan
- Dr. Albert Yakovlevich Dolgoarshinny - Kazakhstan
- Dr. Anastasia Alexandrovna Kornilovich - Kazakhstan
- Prof. Iryna Petrivna Mazur - Ukraine
- Prof. Valentina Guecha - Russia
- Prof. Sergo Hovannisyan - Armenia

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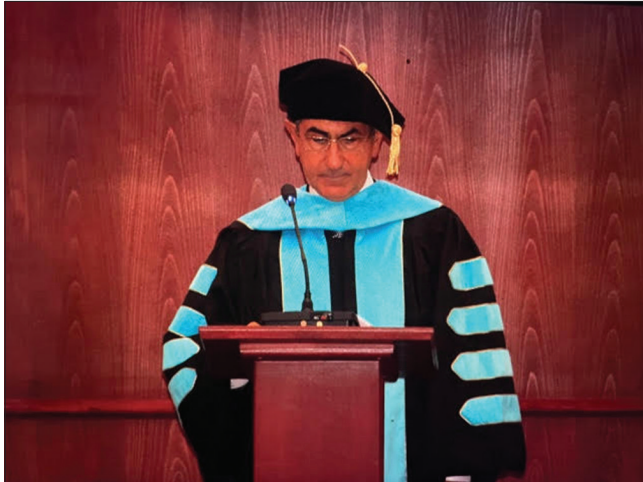


Figure 1: Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk, Regent.



Figure 4: Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk with Prof. Iryna Mazur.



Figure 2: Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk and Prof. Gerhard K. Seeberger.



Figure 5: Prof. Gerhard K. Seeberger and Dr. Anastasiya A. Kornilovich.



Figure 3: Prof. Gerhard K. Seeberger and Recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation Prof. Lazar Yessayan.



Figure 6: Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk and Dr. Valentina Guecha.



Figure 7: Taking the ADI Oath.



Figure 9: Speech by the Vice-Regent of the EE Section of ADI, Prof. Saule Serikovna.



Figure 8: Address by the Newly inducted Prof. Iryna Mazur from Ukraine.



Figure 10: Group Picture of the ADI Newly Inductees.

- Prof. Karen Mashinyan - Armenia
- Prof. Aram Karamyan - Armenia
- Dr. Hovhannes Vardzelyan - Armenia.

Dr. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger, according to an ADI custom, invited Prof. Iryna Petrivna Mazur, Dean of the Dental Faculty of the University of Kiev, to say a few words on behalf of the newly inducted. She expressed her delight to be a fellow of the prestigious Academy of Dentistry International and put an emphasis on a fruitful collaboration among all colleagues to foster ADI's purposes and goals.

Prof. Saule Yesemembayeva, Vice-Regent of the Eastern Europe Section of ADI, supported Prof. Mazur's proposal and invited all Fellows to mutually profitable collaboration.

Finally, Prof. Bedros Yavru-Sakuk ended the Induction Ceremony by congratulating the new Fellows of the Academy of Dentistry International and invited all present to take

photos and to jointly finish this meaningful day at a dinner enjoying Armenian cuisine.

Special thanks were given to Ms. Jane Ivgenia Novik, the official photographer of the ADI Convocation, for taking meaningful and beautiful pictures, and to Prof. Valentina Guecha, the newly elected Deputy-Regent of the Eastern Europe Section of the ADI, for preparing the official video of the Yerevan Convocation 2021.

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